California MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team Draft Work Group List of Species Likely to Benefit from Marine Reserves in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region (revised September 28, 2007)

A list of species likely to benefit from marine protected areas is required by the Marine Life Protection Act and the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group requested at its July 10-11, 2007 meeting a list of species likely to benefit in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region.

A complete list of species likely to benefit is included on pages 4 to 15. A subset of that list has been identified as among the most likely to benefit. Those species are indicated in the complete list and summarized below. Several species have recently been removed from the complete list; these are indicated in the complete list with a strikethrough and are summarized below.

Table 1: Invertebrates MOST likely to benefit from marine reserves

abalone, red*	Haliotis rufescens
clam, littleneck* (tomales bay cockle)	Protothaca staminea
limpets*	Lottia gigantea
mussels, native*	Mytilus californianus
snail, turban*	Tegula funebralis
urchin, red*	Strongylocentrotus franciscanus

Table 2: Fish MOST likely to benefit from marine reserves

cabezon*	Scorpaenichthys marmoratus
eel, wolf*	Anarrhichthys ocellatus
flounder, starry*	Platichthys stellatus
greenling, kelp*	Hexagrammos decagrammus
greenling, rock*	Hexagrammos lagocephalus
herring, Pacific*	Culpea pallasi
lingcod*	Ophiodon elongatus
prickleback, monkeyface*	Cebidichthys violaceus
ray, bat*	Myliobatis californicus
rockfish, black*	Sebastes melanops
rockfish, black-and-yellow*	Sebastes chrysomelas
rockfish, blue*	Sebastes mystinus
rockfish, bocaccio*	Sebastes paucispinis
rockfish, brown*	Sebastes auriculatus
rockfish, calico*	Sebastes dalli
rockfish, china*	Sebastes nebulosus
rockfish, copper*	Sebastes caurinus
rockfish, flag*	Sebastes rubrivinctus
rockfish, gopher*	Sebastes carnatus
rockfish, grass*	
rockfish, greenspotted*	Sebastes chlorostictus
rockfish, kelp*	Sebastes atrovirens

rockfish, olive*	Sebastes serranoides
rockfish, quillback*	Sebastes maliger
rockfish, rosy*	Sebastes rosaceus
rockfish, speckled*	Sebastes ovalis
rockfish, squarespot*	Sebastes hopkinsi
rockfish, starry*	Sebastes constellatus
rockfish, treefish*	Sebastes serriceps
rockfish, vermilion*	Sebastes miniatus
rockfish, yelloweye*	Sebastes ruberrimus
rockfish, yellowtail*	Sebastes flavidus
smelt, surf*	Hypomesus pretiosus
sole, English*	Pleuronectes vetulus
sole, rock*	Lepidopsetta bilineata
surfperc, calico*	Amphistichus koelzi
surfperch, black*	Emibiotoca jacksoni
surfperch, pile*	Damalichthys vacca
surfperch, rainbow*	Hypsurus caryi
surfperch, redtailed*	Amphistichus rhodoterus
surfperch, rubberlip*	Phacochilus toxotes
surfperch, shiner*	Cymatogaster aggregata
surfperch, striped*	Embiotoca lateralis
surfperch, walleye*	Hyperprosopon argenteum
surfperch, white*	Phanerodon furcatus

Table 3: Birds and Mammals MOST likely to benefit from marine reserves

bufflehead*	Bucephala albeola
cormorant, Brandt's*	Phalacrocorax penicillatus
cormorant, double-crested*	Phalacrocorax auritus
cormorant, pelagic*	Phalacrocorax pelagicus
dunlin*	Calidris alpina
godwit, marbled*	Limosa fedoa
goose, brant	Branta bernicla
grebe, eared	Podiceps nigricollis
grebe, Western/Clark's*	Aechmophorus occidentalis, clarkii
guillemot, pigeon*	Cepphus columba
murre, common*	Uria aalge
murrelet, marbled*	Brachyramphus marmoratus
oystercatcher, black	Haematopus bachmani
plover, snowy*	Charadrius alexandrinus
porpoise, harbor*	Phocoena phocena
sandpiper, western*	Calidris mauri

scaup, lesser*	Aythya affinis
scoter, surf*	Melanitta perspicillata
sea lion, Steller*	Eumetopias jubatus
sea otter, southern*	Enhydra lutris
seal, harbor*	Phoca vitulina
surfbird*	Aphriza virgata
turnstone, black*	Arenaria melanocephala
turnstone, ruddy*	Arenaria interpres
willet*	Catoptrophorus semipalmatus

Table 4: Fish species removed from the MOST likely to benefit list

rockfish, bank	Sebastes rufus
rockfish, canary	Sebastes pinniger
rockfish, chilipepper	Sebastes goodei
rockfish, greenstriped	Sebastes elongatus
rockfish, widow	Sebastes entomelas

Table 5: Species removed from the likely to benefit list entirely

Sebastes levis
Sebastes crameri
Sebastes rosenblatti
Squatina californica
Sebastes helvomaculatus
Sebastolobus alascanus
Sebastes diploproa
Sebastes eos
Sebastes babcocki
Gadus macrocephalus
Sebastes aurora
Grampus griseus
Phocoenoides dalli
Balaenoptera musculus

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Invertebrates															
abalone, black	Haliotis cracherodii		Rock	0	6	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	Only benefit in areas absent of sea otters
abalone, red*	Haliotis rufescens	Х	Rock	0	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	Short-lived, non-feeding larval stage, Only benefit in areas absent of sea otters
barnacles, gooseneck	Pollicipes polymerus		Rock	0	1	1	1	ND	ND	ND	0	0	1	1	Habitat forming, some intertidal take
clam, gaper	Tresus nuttallii		Sandy mud	0	30	1	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	
clam, geoduck	Panopea generosa		Sandy mud	0	110	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	Rare but occasionally found in Tomales bay, long lived
clam, littleneck* (tomales bay cockle)	Protothaca staminea	х	Coarse Sand	0	0	1	1	1	ND	1	0	0	1	0	Manila littleneck clam is particularly abundant in San Francisco Bay and other estuaries to the north in the intertidal*
clam, washington	Saxidomus nuttali		Sand, mud	0	5	1	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	
corals			Rock	12	152	1	0	0	ND	ND	1	0	1	1	Possible impacts from trawling or other bottom contact
crab, brown rock	Cancer antennarius		Both	0	101	1	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	Only benefit in areas absent of sea otters
crab, dungeness	Cancer magister		Sand	0	230	0	1	1	ND	0	0	0	0	0	Due to management regime, no size shift
crab, red rock	Cancer productus		Both	0	229	1	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	Only benefit in areas absent of sea otters
crab, sand	Emerita analoga		Sand	0	0	1	0	0	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	
limpets*	Lottia gigantea	Χ	Rock	0	30	1	1	0	ND	1	0	0	1	1	Rec harvest, removal impacts other species
mussels, native*	Mytilus californianus	Х	Rock	0	40	1	0	0	ND	ND	0	0	1	1	Removal impacts other species
octopus spp.	Octopus spp.		Rock	0	30	ND	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	
oyster, native	Ostrea conchaphila (lurida)		Rock	0	30	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	Restoration efforts in Tomales Bay
prawn, spot	Pandalus platyceros		Sand	46	488	1	0	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	
scallop, rock	Hinnites giganteus		Rock	0	30	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	Evidence of positive impact in Southern CA reserves
sea cucumbers	Parastichopus californicus					1	0	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	
sea pens			Sand	8	91	1	0	0	ND	ND	1	0	1	1	Possible impacts from trawling or other bottom contact

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sea stars	Pisaster ochraceous, Pycnopodia helianthoides		Both	0	183	1	0	0	ND	ND	0	0	1	1	Keystone species in intertidal
shrimp, blue mud	Upogebia pugettensis		Sand	0	0	1	0	ND	ND	ND	0	0	1	0	
shrimp, ghost	Callianassa californiensis		Sand	0	0	1	0	0	ND	ND	0	0	1	0	Fish bait
shrimp, pink	Pandalus jordani		Pelagic	45	370	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
snail, moon	Polinices lewisii		Sand	0	152	1	0	0	ND	ND	0	0	1	0	
snail, turban*	Tegula funebralis	Χ	Rock	0	76	1	1	0	ND	ND	0	0	1	0	Often taken in intertidal (KN)
sponges			Rock	0	610	1	0	0	ND	ND	1	0	1	1	Possible impacts from trawling or other bottom contact
squid, market	Loligo opalescens		Pelagic, Sand	0	0	0	1	1	0	ND	0	0	0		Both forage species and predators on small fishes; vulnerable to large-scale changes in the environment driven by El Nino Southern Oscillation events**
Turchin, burble	Strongylocentrotus purpuratus		Both	0	92	1	0	0	0	ND	0	0	0	1	Only benefit in areas absent of sea otters, removal impacts other species
Hirchin red [*]	Strongylocentrotus franciscanus	Х	Both	0	90	1	1	0	0	ND	0	0	0	1	Only benefit in areas absent of sea otters, removal impacts other species
worm, inkeeper	Urechis caupo		Sand	0	?	1	1	0	ND	ND	0	0	1	0	Harvested for bait, abundance decreasing locally in Bodega harbor (KN)
worms			Both	0	183	1	0	0	ND	ND	0	0	1	0	
worms, phoronid	Phoronopsis viridis		Sand	0	30	1	0	0	ND	ND	0	0	0	1	Rare worldwide but abundant in the region (KN)
worms, phragmatopoma	Phragmatopoma spp.		Both	0	?	1	0	0	0	ND	0	0	1	1	Reef building polychaete
Plant and Algae															
algae, red	Porphyra spp.		Rock	0	?	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	(Nori), localized commercial take, habitat forming, some cultural take
eel grass	Zostera marina		Sand	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	Important but will an MPA protect? Biggest threats are sedimentation and nutrient loading. What about disturbance from boats?
kelp, bull	Nereocystis luetkeana		Rock	0	18	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	Potential for harvest
kelp, winged	Alaria marginata		Rock	0	?	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	Localized commercial take, habitat forming

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other intertidal algal species	Laminaria spp.		Rock	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	Localized commercial take, habitat forming
algal species	Hedophyllum sessile		Rock	0	?	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	Localized commercial take, habitat forming
other intertidal algal species	Lessoniopsis littorallis		Rock	0	?	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	Localized commercial take, habitat forming
rock weeds	Order Fucales including Fucus spp.		Rock	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	Will only benefit in no-transit areas (reduce trampling) - localized commercial take, habitat forming
sea palm	Postelsia palmaeformis		Rock	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Commercial and cultural take; possibly double protection will reduce recreational poaching
surf grass	Phyllospadix scouleri & P. torreyi		Rock	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	Important but will an MPA protect? Biggest threats are sedimentation and nutrient loading.
Fishes															
cabezon*	Scorpaenichthys marmoratus	Х	Rock	0	110	1	1	1	0	ND	0	0	0	0	
croaker, white	Genyonemus lineatus		Sand	0	238	0	1	0	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	Are these abundant enough to be fished in the region?
eel, wolf*	Anarrhichthys ocellatus	Х	Rock	0	226	1	0	0	ND	ND	0	1	0	0	Sedentary; mate-for-life? Large size, potential forage increase without urchin harvest
flounder, starry*	Platichthys stellatus	Х	Sand	1	600	ND	1	1	0	ND	0	0	1	0	Estuarine nurseries, don't appear to move much (Love 1991)
goby, tidewater	Eucyclogobius newberryi		Sand	0	3	1	0	0	1	ND	0	0	1	0	Endangered?
greenling, kelp*	Hexagrammos decagrammus	Х	Rock	0	130	1	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	
greenling, rock*	Hexagrammos lagocephalus	Х	Rock	0	80	1	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	Recreational catch from piers
hagfish, Pacific	Eptatretus stoutii		Sand, Rock	16	966	0	0	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	
halibut, California	Paralichthys californicus		Sand	0	281	0	1	1	0	ND	0	1	0	0	Nursery and spawning aggregations
halibut, Pacific	Hippoglossus stenolepis		Sand, Rock	6	1100	0	1	1	ND	ND	0	1	0	0	Rare but caught incidentally and marketed - young recruit to shallow waters
herring, Pacific*	Culpea pallasi	Х	Both	0	302	0	0	1	ND	ND	1	1	1	0	Spawning aggregations in estuaries, populations subject to environmental fluctuations
lingcod*	Ophiodon elongatus	Χ	Rock	0	475	1	1	1	1	ND	0	1	0	0	Reproductive aggregations

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longjaw mudsucker	Gillichthys mirabilis		sand	0	10	1	0	0	0	ND	0	0	1	0	Fished for bait, highly territorial in estuaries
prickleback, monkeyface*	Cebidichthys violaceus	Х	Rock	0	24	1	0	1	ND	ND	1	0	1	0	Homing; tidepools; large TL; potential local depletion
ray, bat*	Myliobatis californicus	Х	Sand, Rock	0	108	0	0	0	ND	ND	1	1	1	1	Aggregate to spawn and breed inshore. Top predator. Digging in sand has profound impact on invertebrate community.
rockfish, bank	Sebastes rufus		Rock	31	454	ND	1	1	ND	1	1	0	0	0	Declines in pop size and age/length in fishery preferred depth mostly deeper than state waters
rockfish, black*	Sebastes melanops	Χ	Rock	0	366	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	Per Steve Ralston, CA population likely below 40%
rockfish, black- and-yellow*	Sebastes chrysomelas	Х	Rock	0	37	1	1	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, blue*	Sebastes mystinus	Х	Rock	0	549	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	Filter barnacle larvae (Gaines and Roughgarden)
rockfish, bocaccio*	Sebastes paucispinis	Х	Rock	0	481	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	Top predator; adults with low movement. Declining lengths in central CA CPFV (Mason 1998)
rockfish, brown*	Sebastes auriculatus	Х	Rock	0	146	1	1	1	ND	0	1	0	0	0	Locally important in places like San Franisco Bay since 1850
rockfish, calico*	Sebastes dalli	Χ	Rock	0	305	1	0	0	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, canary	Sebastes pinniger		Rock	0	439	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	Declining lengths in central CA CPFV (Mason 1998) preferred depth mostly deeper than state waters
rockfish, chilipepper	Sebastes goodei		rock	0	491	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	Declining lengths in central CA CPFV (Mason 1998), preferred depth mostly deeper than state waters
rockfish, china*	Sebastes nebulosus	Χ	rock	3	128	1	1	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, copper*	Sebastes caurinus	Х	Rock	0	185	1	1	1	ND	1	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, flag*	Sebastes rubrivinctus	Х	Rock	30	418	1	0	0	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, gopher*	Sebastes carnatus	Х	Rock	0	86	1	1	1	0	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, grass*	Sebastes rastrelliger	Χ	Rock	0	46	1	1	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, greenspotted*	Sebastes chlorostictus	Х	Both	30	379	1	0	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, greenstriped	Sebastes elongatus		Sand/ Interface	12	1145	1	0	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	Preferred depth mostly deeper than state waters
rockfish, kelp*	Sebastes atrovirens	Χ	Rock	0	58	1	1	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, olive*	Sebastes serranoides	Χ	Rock	0	172	1	1	1	ND	1	1	0	0	0	

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rockfish, quillback*	Sebastes maliger	Х	rock	5	274	1	1	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, rosy*	Sebastes rosaceus	Χ	Rock	7	263	1	1	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, speckled*	Sebastes ovalis	Х	Rock	30	366	1	0	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, squarespot*	Sebastes hopkinsi	Х	Rock	18	305	1	0	0	0	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, starry*	Sebastes constellatus	Х	Rock	15	274	1	1	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, treefish*	Sebastes serriceps	Х	Rock	0	98	1	1	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	
rockfish, vermilion*	Sebastes miniatus	Х	Rock	0	439	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	Southern CA declines in length (Love et al.)
rockfish, widow*	Sebastes entomelas		Rock	0	800	0	0	1	1	ND	1	1	0	0	Preferred range mostly deeper than state waters - known to aggregate around pinnacles/seamounts
rockfish, yelloweye*	Sebastes ruberrimus	Х	Rock	15	549	1	0	1	1	ND	1	0	0	1	Preferred range mostly deeper than state waters. Top predator.
rockfish, yellowtail*	Sebastes flavidus	Х	Rock	0	549	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	Preferred range mostly deeper than state waters - declining lengths in central CA CPFV (Mason 1998)
sanddab, Pacific	Citharichthys sordidus		Sand	0	549	0	1	1	0	ND	0	0	0	0	Recreational catch
seabass, giant	Stereolepis gigas		Rock	6	46	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	Already protected but some incidental catch and gear can kill even those thrown back
seabass, white	Atractoscion nobilis		Both	0	120	ND	1	1	ND	ND		1	1	0	Seagrass beds as nursery grounds, historic fishery in Tomales Bay
shark, broadnose sevengill	Notorynchus cepidianus		Sand	0	136	0	0	0	ND	ND	0	1	1	0	Estuarine nurseries, recreational and some commercial catch (Ebert, 2003)
shark, brown smoothhound	Mustelus henlei		Sand	0	281	0	1	1	ND	ND	1	1	1	0	Inshore nursery, recreational and some commercial in estuaries?
shark, leopard	Triakis semifasciata		Sand	0	157	0	1	0	ND	ND	1	1	1	0	Estuarine pupping and nursery grounds. Very common in kelp beds, often up in water column in kelp beds at night.
skate, big	Raja binoculata		Sand	2	800	0	1	0	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	Low fecundity, recreational catch and bycatch, wing meat sold (Ebert 2003)

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skate, California	Raja inornata		Sand	13	1600	0	1	0	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	Recreational catch and bycatch wing meat sold (Ebert 2003)
skate, longnose	Raja rhina		Sand	9	1069	0	1	0	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	Low fecundity
smelt, surf*	Hypomesus pretiosus	Х	Sand	0	9	0	1	1	ND	ND	0	1	1	0	Spawn in surfzone, distinct local spawning populations
smelt, top-	Antherinops affinis		Sand	0	26	ND	0	0	ND	ND	0	1	1	0	Eggs laid on plants in backwater
sole, Dover	Microstomus pacificus		Sand	2	1372	0	1	1	0	ND	0	0	0	0	Nursery and spawning nearshore, otherwise a deeper water spp.
sole, English*	Pleuronectes vetulus	Χ	Sand	0	549	1	1	1	0	ND	0	0	0	0	Limited movement (Love 1991)
sole, petrale	Eopsetta jordani		Sand	0	549	0	1	1	1	ND	0	0	0	0	Preferred range is mostly deeper than state waters
sole, rex	Glyptocephauls zachirus		Sand	0	1145	0	1	1	0	ND	0	0	0	0	Preferred range is mostly deeper than state waters
sole, rock*	Lepidopsetta bilineata	Х	Rock	0	579	1	1	1	0	ND	1	0	0	0	Variable recruitment based on oceanographic factors, small range of adult movement (Love 1991)
sole, sand	Psettichthys melanostictus		Sand	0	325	ND	1	1	ND	ND	0	1	0	0	Juveniles in estuaries
surfperc, calico*	Amphistichus koelzi	Х	Sand	0	10	1	0	0	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	Sandy beaches; piers
surfperch, black*	Emibiotoca jacksoni	Х	Rock	0	46	1	1	1	ND	ND	1	0	1	0	Piers; jetties; estuaries; kelp; low fecundity
surfperch, pile*	Damalichthys vacca	Χ	Rock	0	90	1	1	1	ND	ND	1	0	0	0	Piers; jetties; estuaries; kelp; low fecundity
surfperch, rainbow*	Hypsurus caryi	х	Rock	0	50	ND	0	0	ND	ND	1	0	1	0	Harbors; eelgrass. Some evidence they move inshore and offshore, movements are not known; low fecundity.
surfperch, redtailed*	Amphistichus rhodoterus	Х	Sand	0	24	1	0	0	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	Sandy beaches; piers
surfperch, rubberlip*	Phacochilus toxotes	Х	Rock	0	50	ND	0	1	ND	ND	1	0	1	0	Piers; jetties; kelp; low fecundity
surfperch, shiner*	Cymatogaster aggregata	Х	Both	0	146	ND	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	1	0	Estuaries; kelpbeds
surfperch, striped*	Embiotoca lateralis	Х	Rock	0	50	0	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	1	0	Piers; jetties; estuaries; kelp
surfperch, walleye*	Hyperprosopon argenteum	Х	Both	0	182	1	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	Sandy beaches; piers

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surfperch, white*	Phanerodon furcatus	Х	Both	0	70	1	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	1	0	Estuaries
turbot, C-O	Pleuronectes coenosus		Sand	0	300	0	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	
turbot, diamond	Hypsopsetta guttulata		Sand	0	46	0	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	1	0	Often found in estuaries and brackish water
turbot, hornyhead	Pleruonichthys verticalis		Sand	9	201	0	1	1	ND	ND	0	0	0	0	
Seabirds (breedi	ng)														
auklet, Cassin's	Ptychoramphus aleuticus		Sand, mud	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction, California species of special concern.
auklet, rhinoceros	Cerorhinca monocerata		Sand, mud	0	91	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction
cormorant, Brandt's*	Phalacrocorax penicillatus	Х	Sand, mud	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Feeds mainly on small schooling fish (e.g., juv. rockfish, anchovy, etc.) in coastal waters.
cormorant, double-crested*	Phalacrocorax auritus	Х	Sand, mud	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Feeds mainly on small schooling fish in coastal estuaries.
cormorant, pelagic*	Phalacrocorax pelagicus	Х	Rock	0	15	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Feeds mainly on small fish (e.g., juv. rockfish, cottids,) and mysid shrimp in nearshore waters near breeding colonies. Sensitive to reductions in prey.
guillemot, pigeon*	Cepphus columba	Х	Rock	0	30	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Feed on small fish (juv. Rockfish, cottids, sanddabs) in nearshore waters near colonies. Sensitive to reductions in prey.
gull, western	Larus occidentalis		Sand, mud, rock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction
murre, common*	Uria aalge	Х	Sand, mud	0	183	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1		Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Has been impacted in past as fisheries bycatch (gill-net). Recently, some take in rockfish hook-and-line around Farallon Islands.

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murrelet, marbled*	Brachyramphus marmoratus	х	Sand, mud	0	30	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	Significant decline in California population, potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Feed on small fish and zooplankton in nearshore waters. Restricted distribution. Federally threatened, state endangered
oystercatcher, black	Haematopus bachmani	х	Rock	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Feeds on intertidal molluscs on coastal rocks, reefs.
puffin, tufted	Fratercula cirrhata			0	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction, population highly reduced, CA species of special concern
storm-petrel, ashy	Oceanodroma homochroa		NA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction, restricted distribution, population declining
storm-petrel, Leach's	Oceanodroma leucorhoa		NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction
tern, least	Sterna antillarum		Sand, mud	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction, federally and state endangered
Seabird (migrant)														
bufflehead*	Bucephala albeola	Х	Sand, mud	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Winters in coastal estuaries. Feeds on benthic invertebrates and small fish.
dowitcher, long- billed	Limnodromus scolopaceus		Mud, sand	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Coastal estuaries important habitat spring-fall. Feeds on benthic invertebrates in intertidal mudflats.
dowitcher, short- billed	Limnodromus griseus		Mud, sand	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Coastal estuaries important habitat spring-fall. Feeds on benthic invertebrates in intertidal mudflats.
dunlin*	Calidris alpina	х	Mud, sand	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Coastal estuaries important habitat spring-fall. Feeds on benthic invertebrates in intertidal mudflats.
godwit, marbled*	Limosa fedoa	х	Sand, mud	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Coastal estuaries important habitat spring-fall. Feeds on benthic invertebrates in intertidal mudflats.

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goldeneye, common	Bucephala clangula		Sand, mud	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Winters in coastal estuaries. Feeds on benthic invertebrates (molluscs, worms)and small fish.
goose, brant	Branta bernicla	Х	Sand	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Eelgrass specialist. Winters in coastal estuaries. Declined in California due to loss of eelgrass habitat.
grebe, eared	Podiceps nigricollis	х	Sand, mud	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Mainly fall-spring. Feed on small fish in coastal waters, estuaries.
grebe, Western/Clark's*	Aechmophorus occidentalis, clarkii	х	Sand, mud	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Mainly fall-spring. Feed on small fish in coastal waters, estuaries.
gull, glaucous- winged	Larus glaucescens		Both	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction (highly mobile when present in winter, McChesney)
gull, Heermann's	Larus heermanni		Both	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction (highly mobile when present in summer-winter, McChesney)
gull, herring	Larus argentatus		Both	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction (highly mobile when present in winter, McChesney)
Ioon, Pacific	Gavia pacifica		Sand, mud	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction
pelican, brown	Pelecanus occidentalis		Sand, mud	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction, federally and state endangered dowr listing under consideration
plover, black- bellied	Pluvialis squatarola		Mud, sand, rock	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Migrant and winter. Feeds on intertidal inverterbrates on mudlfats, reefs.
plover, snowy*	Charadrius alexandrinus	х	Sand	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Nests and feeds on sandy beaches, dunes. Very sensitive to human disturbance. Federally threatened.

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sandpiper, western	Calidris mauri	х	mud, sand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Coastal estuaries important habitat spring-fall. Feeds on benthic invertebrates in intertidal mudflats.
scaup, lesser*	Aythya affinis	х	Sand, mud	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Coastal estuaries important wintering habitat. Feeds on benthic invertebrates (molluscs, worms) and small fish.
scoter, surf*	Melanitta perspicillata	х	Sand, mud	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction, declining. Migrant and winter in nearshore coastal waters and estuaries. Feeds on benthic invertebrates (molluscs, worms) and small fish.
shearwater, sooty	Puffinus griseus		NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential forage base increase. Spring-fall. Feeds on small schooling fish (e.g., juv. rockfish, anchovies, etc.) and krill over shelf and slope waters. Declining. (highly mobile when present, McChesney)
surfbird*	Aphriza virgata	Х	Rock	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Feeds on rocky intertidal invertebrates exclusively on coastal reefs, rocks.
tern, elegant	Sterna elegans		Both	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Summer-fall. Feeds on small schooling fish (e.g., anchovies) in nearshore waters, estuaries.
turnstone, black*	Arenaria melanocephala	Х	Rock	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Feeds on rocky intertidal invertebrates on coastal reefs, rocks.
turnstone, ruddy*	Arenaria interpres	х	Rock, sand	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Feeds on rocky intertidal invertebrates on coastal reefs, rocks, gravel beaches.
willet*	Catoptrophorus semipalmatus	х	Sand, mud	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Potential human disturbance reduction. Coastal estuaries important habitat spring-fall. Feeds on benthic invertebrates in intertidal mudflats.

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Marine mammals	\$														
elephant seal, northern	Mirounga angustirostris		Pelagic both	0	300	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Breed in the area, deep divers, would forage around the Farallones, sensitive to disturbance but not as sensitive as seals and sea lions
porpoise, harbor	Phocoena phocena	х	Sand, mud	0	60	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	Potential for forage base increase home range is probably within the study region, potential human disturbance reduction (very shy). Has been impacted in past as fisheries bycatch (gill-net). Key into the superabundant prey - diet very similar to harbor seals
sea lion, California	Zalophus californianus		Both	0	30	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction - haul out in the area and boat activity could disturb them - key into superabundant prey - don't breed in the area except in small numbers on the Farallones
sea lion, Steller*	Eumetopias jubatus	х	Both	0	30	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	Ano Nuevo north central California population has declined, potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction; federally threatened - breed on Farallones and north of Fort Ross - would benefit from forage increase locally because they don't range as far as CA sealions
sea otter, southern*	Enhydra lutris	x	Both	0	45	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	Resident in nearshore waters, esp. kelp beds. Feeds on benthic invertebrates, fish. Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Formerly more abundant and widespread. Federally threatened. Has been impacted in past as fisheries bycatch (gill-net).
seal, harbor*	Phoca vitulina	х	Both	0	45	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction - some bycatch and shooting still - key into superabundant prey - important link in trophic level don't feed very far offshore - foraging within a 10-12 mile area

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seal, northern fur	Callorhinus ursinus		Pelagic	0	30	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	Potential for forage base increase, potential human disturbance reduction. Recently recolonized Farallon Islands after 100+ year absence. (forage beyond state waters, McChesney) - if numbers increase they could be ecologically important around the Farallones
whale, gray	Eschrichtius robustus		Sand, mud	0	30	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	Potential for forage base increase. Potential for human disturbance reduction feed in drakes, tomales, and bodega bays - oversummer in the region - females with young take refuge near shore could benefit from safe MPAs with abundant fish - important ecosystem impact turn up the bottom with digging
whale, humpback	Megaptera novaeangliae		Sand, mud	0	200	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	Potential for forage base increase; potential for human disturbance reduction. Federally endangered. do key into certain areas in the region and feed near Point Reyes headlands, mouth of San Francisco Bay,
lwhale minke	Balaenoptera acutorostrata		Sand mud pelagic	0	30	0	0	ND	0	0	1	0	0	0	Females and calves occur in Drakes Bay and residents year round - key into superabundant prey

Note: marine mammal depths are preferred foraging depths

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